

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: We are Minnesotans and this is the North; and

WHEREAS: We embrace winter; in fact, we celebrate it; and

WHEREAS: We are home to legacy winter events like the Saint Paul Winter Carnival,

City of Lakes Loppet, and the U.S. Pond Hockey Championships; and

WHEREAS: Research shows that the benefits of outdoor recreation are abundant; and

WHEREAS: We champion winter for the well-being of our residents and the economic

vitality of our communities; and

WHEREAS: The historic Great Northern Railway once transported visitors from

around the country to Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The Great Northern, happening January 27- February 5, 2017, will mark

ten days of winter events, activities, and entertainment in and around the

Minneapolis-St. Paul area; and

WHEREAS: We invite visitors from across the country and the globe to layer up,

bundle up, and celebrate the season.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, January 27, 2017, as:

THE GREAT NORTHERN DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 26th day of January.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE